



City of Lynchburg

MANDATORY CURFEW NOTICE

9PM-6AM *(Until further notice)*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – LYNCHBURG CURFEW

Why did the City issue a curfew?

The civil unrest that has taken place is unacceptable. Our number one priority is to ensure that all people feel safe and are safe at all times throughout our community. A curfew is necessary for public safety in order to prevent personal injury, property damage, and maintain order.

Does the curfew apply throughout the entire City of Lynchburg?

Yes. All parts of the City are important and valued, and the safety of the whole City should be protected to the same degree by the curfew.

When does the curfew apply?

The curfew applies beginning June 2, 2020 until further notice. The hours of the curfew are from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

How will the curfew be enforced?

The City asks all community members to voluntarily adhere to the curfew to help protect the safety of our community. The curfew is a tool to address the kind of behavior that causes property damage and avert personal injury in the City.

I'm scheduled to work during the curfew. Can I still travel to go to work? Can my employees still report to work during the curfew?

Yes, people are allowed to travel to and from work during the curfew.

Are businesses required to close during the curfew?

The curfew does not require businesses to close; however, it does mean that the public should not be traveling to and from businesses like restaurants or retailers during the curfew, so some businesses may choose to close during these hours. We encourage businesses to evaluate their operations. Those businesses that choose to stay open need to find ways to safely provide goods and services, including delivery.

I use public transportation or a ride-hailing app for transportation. Am I allowed to use those during the curfew? Yes, you can use public transportation like GLTC, taxis, Lyft or Uber to travel for any purpose allowed under the curfew. These methods of transportation will continue to operate unless circumstances require them to be closed to protect public health and safety.

What if I need to go to the hospital during the curfew?

People are allowed to seek emergency medical care during the curfew.

Can I walk my dog?

Yes, if a pet must be let out, that is permissible.

My situation at home is not safe, and I may need to leave. Can I leave during the curfew to avoid an unsafe living situation?

Yes, the curfew allows people to leave unsafe circumstances, which would include domestic violence, fire, criminal conduct, or any other unsafe circumstances.

I am experiencing homelessness and don't have a place to go inside. How does the curfew apply to me?

The curfew does not apply to those experiencing homelessness since they do not have another place to go. The City asks those experiencing homelessness to help protect the safety of the community by voluntarily restricting their travel in public places during the curfew. Individuals are encouraged to call 2-1-1 for further information on available resources.

Are there other exemptions from the curfew?

The curfew also does not apply to the following: persons traveling to and from home, work, places of worship; persons performing the duties of their job; hospital personnel; members of the press; State and City of Lynchburg employees and volunteers; military personnel including, but not limited to, National Guard troops; employees of public utility companies; private emergency medical transport workers; persons seeking emergency services; law enforcement, fire fighters, medical personnel, or members of the news media.

How is the City's curfew different from the Governor's Safer at Home Order?

The City's curfew is aimed at protecting public safety and reducing property damage and personal injury during a civil disturbance, while the Governor's Safer at Home order is aimed at reducing the spread of the Coronavirus. However, under both the curfew and the Safer at Home Order, residents should be remaining at home whenever possible, and the curfew only applies during the limited hours of 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

What are the penalties for violating the curfew?

Violations of the curfew are subject to arrest. Those in violation could face Class 1 misdemeanor penalties of up to 12 months in jail, up to a \$2,550 fine, or both.